



General Assembly

February Session, 2008

Raised Bill No. 405

LCO No. 377

00377_____ED_

Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING GRANTS FOR COMPUTER-ASSISTED
WRITING, INSTRUCTION AND TESTING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-262r of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

3 The Department of Education may establish, within available
4 appropriations, a pilot program for the use of technology in providing
5 computer-assisted writing, instruction and testing, in [the ninth and
6 tenth] grades six to twelve, inclusive, in [the] public schools, including
7 the regional vocational-technical schools. The Commissioner of
8 Education, for purposes of the program, may award grants to local and
9 regional boards of education and regional vocational-technical schools
10 for demonstration projects. Boards of education and vocational-
11 technical schools seeking to participate in the pilot program shall
12 apply to the department at such time and in such form as the
13 commissioner prescribes. The commissioner shall select a diverse
14 group of participants based on the population, geographic location and
15 economic characteristics of the school district or school. Local and
16 regional boards of education and regional vocational-technical schools

17 awarded grants under the program may use grant funds for expenses
18 for computer hardware, computer software, professional development,
19 technical consulting assistance and other related activities. The
20 Department of Education may retain up to five per cent of the funds
21 appropriated for purposes of this section for program evaluation,
22 monitoring and technical assistance.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2008	10-262r

Statement of Purpose:

To expand the pilot program for the use of technology in providing computer-assisted writing, instruction and testing to include all grade levels from six to twelve, inclusive, and to provide for an administrative set-aside for the Department of Education.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]